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CITY NOTES.

Patrick Quinn and Joseph Savage wer committed to the county jail yesterday for thirty days each. The St. Luke's Industrial school, at 122 Washington avenue, re-opens Saturday afternoon at 2.50 o'clock.

An execution, amounting to \$300, was yesterday issued against Max Phillips, at the instance of John Taylor,

The regular meeting of the managers of the Home for the Friendless will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the

The Dr. Green of the Means building was has been sold out by the sheriff is Dr. E. W. Green, the electrical physician, and

not Dr. E. M. Green, the dentist. The will of John Schneider, late of Scranton, was yesterday admitted to probate and letters testamentary were granted to the widow, Caroline Schneider,

Jim Bedras and Michael Asselfty, two of the alleged rioters at the Florence col-liery in Archbald, were yesterday re-leased from the county jall on ball furnished by George Marovok.

Ann Llewellyn, through her attorney L. P. Wedeman, brought suit for divorce yesterday in Prothonotary Pryor's office against her husband, William T. Liewellyn, on the grounds of cruelty.

The Pustor's union of Scranton will meet next Monday morning at 10.30. The meeting will be in pariors of the Youn. Men's Christian association. Subject for discussion, "The Proper Relation of Pulpit and Press."

Mary Orehard, Anna Stewart, Carolin Nichols and Hattle Reed yesterday began a suit in partition against Kuth Weldener, for the divisoin of lot 8 in block 7 of the Belsey Griffin tract in the Second W. G. Thomas is attorney for the plain-

Thomas Smallcomb, a shaft sinker and contractor in that line of work, was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out before Alderman Howe by William Thomas, of the West Side, charging him with defrauding a boarding house keeper. The evidence was not sufficient to make out a case and Smallcomb was discharged.

BROKE THE RECORD AT POSTOFFICE.

December Sate of Stamps Larger Than Any Month in Its History.

Postmaster Vandling forwarded his report for the month of December to Washington yesterday and the sale of stamps shows that the record for December, 1896, was the largest of any one month in the history of the Scranton postoffice. The amount derived from the sale

of stamps was \$11,873.78, which is \$2,-229.68 more than the record for December, 1895. The holiday season brings rangement is necessary for the accomthe sale of stamps in December far beyond that it is in other months. The mail then is unusually heavy.

Open on Monday.

Mr. J. Bolz, 138 Wyoming avenue, whose stock of goods was damaged by fire last week, will reopen his store on Monday morning. The entire stock must be closed out in thirty days.

In connection with our Muslin Underwear sale which commences Saturday, Jan. 2, we will offer about 1,000 yards Embroidery Remnants.

FINLEY'S. The shoe store of Lewis, Reilly & Davies will be closed today.

DeWitt's Photo Parlors, 425 Spruce st., cor. Washington ave., will be open for business today.

ALL HAIL TO '97

Infant Year Was Received with Noisy Demonstrations.

CELEBRATORS WERE OUT IN FORCE

They Made a Terrible Din as the Old Year Slipped Away Into History. Watch Night Services Held in a Number of the City Churches -- Many Social Events Held Lust Night.

There is no reasonable cause for the was demonstrative enough to suit even the most noise-loving of youths. Old of action when the welcome to his oung successor began. Bells rang, whistles blew, and as If

by magic an army of young men appeared about town armed with tin talerable at any other time.

one objected save the dyspeptics, not above mentioned. even the policemen although the latter's patience was often sorely tried. They had their orders to give the celebrators a little more leeway than is usually accorded and they obeyed orders for the policeman in common with the rest of healthy humanity. Ilkes to see the members of the human family bestire themselves accasionally and give vent

to their pent up feelings. When a number of young men start-ed for Court House square, however, with the material for a bonfire and the expressed determination of making it hot for old '96 as he departed the police made up their mind that right there was where the line between follity and foolishness should be drawn and hey drew it. The bonfire did not take place, to the chagrin of the exuberant young men who planned it in one of the establishments where colored fluids are dispensed by the glass. As a sort of a compromise with themselves they tried to blow up Patrolman Tom Lowry with a large cannon cracker and the probabilities are that some of them are

THEY BEGAN EARLY.

Quite early in the evening the streets contained a number of celebrators and the toot of the fish horn and clang of the bell was heard at intervals as he night were along. It was when the witching hour of midnight arrived that without let or hinderance for nearly an en properly greeted those who were furnace when her clothes caught fire, sponsible for all the tumult sought. Her screams were heard by her pu

In Elm Park church the service becises in charge of the Epworth League on the hands. which lasted one hour. From 10 to 11 clock there were 5-minute addresses III in consequence of the excitement. and at the latter hour Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin, the pastor, took charge. He made a short address. There was

silent prayer at midnight. Watch services began at 8 o'clock in the Penn Avenue Baptist church, Beginning at 11:25 o'clock Rev. Dr. Dixon the pastor, preached a sermon and at midnight while the church bell was ringing Mrs. Lizzle Hughes Brundage sang the solo, "Eternity."

OBSERVANCE OF TODAY.

Business Throughout the City Will Be Generally Suspended.

There will be a general observance of the beginning of the New Year in this city today. The mines and shops of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and Delaware and Hudson Canal company will be shut down and only such work as is necessary will be done by the employes of the Lackawanna Iron

and Steel company. The banks and the majority of the business houses will keep their doors closed and business will be generally suspended. At the postoffice the stamp and general delivery windows will be open from 7 a, m, to 12 o'clock. The money order and register windows will be closed all day. Morning deliveries will be made by carriers. All of the city and county offices will be closed today.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

According to the usual custom of the Young Men's Christian association, they will keep open house on New Year's day from 3 o'clock to 10 p. m. A sub-committee of the reception committee have charge of the decorations and began work last evening. It is proposed to entirely transform the appearance of the building by a liberal use of evergreens, beautiful effects in bunting and an artistle arrangement of potted plants. The Imperial quartette will furnish music in the reception rooms both during the afternoon and evening. From 4 to 5.30 in the afternoon a programme will be given in the auditorium by the Perry brothers in selections on the sleigh bells, metalaphone, xylophone, tumbleronicon, autoharp and sliver chimes, assisted by Mr. Howard S. Starrett in his famous Shadographic specialties, ventriloquism and crayon

The same artists will also give the vening entertainment from 8 to 9.30 o'clock. It is especially requested that the junior members of the association and their friends who desire to take in the entertainments, shall plan to attend in the afternoon in order that the senior members may have opportunity o be present in the evening. This ar modation of all who wish to come, wing to the limited seating capacity

of the Association auditorium. The building will be open to all callers during the hours mentioned above whether they are or are not members of the association. A phonograph will e on exhibition during both afternoon

and evening in the Association parlors At the Railroad Young Men's Chris ian association there will be no unusual observance of the day for the reason that there is not sufficient room to accommodate the crowd that would inthe rooms. The building was crowded with railroad men when Tribune reporter called yesterday af-

"We are not dead down here, O, dear no," said Secretary Pearsall, "but you ee dur condition. I desired very much to have some sort of exercises tomorrow or furnish some kind of entertainment or refreshments for the railroad boys

but we can't do it in these cramped quarters. You can see how we are crowded today when there is nothing unusual going on. We need a larger building to properly carry on this work and we are living in hones that we will obtain it some day. Just when it will come no one can tell at present though."

AT Y. W. C. A. ROOMS. At the rooms of the Young Women's Christian Association on Washington avenue all callers will be welcomed beween 4 and 10 p. m. An interesting programme comprised mainly of vocal and instrumental music has been arranged for each hour. The reception is in charge of Miss Emeline Richmond, Miss Blanche Dolph and Mrs. C. W. Roberts and the following will have numbers on the programme: Mrs. Helen Judd Strine, Miss Carlyn Wolfe. Robert Strine, Fred J. Widmayer, R. year '97 to kick about its reception. It R. Weisenflue, Harvey Blackwood, Herbert Waters, Walter Kiple, Messrs, Allen, Stanton, Bauschmann, Doersam, 96 had hardly retired from the stage Miss Lela Porter, Professor Chance, the Second Presbyterian church choir and orchestra, Mrs. Jayne, Mrs. Calkin, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Beston Williams, Mr.

Harber and Miss Lydia Sailor. At the South Side Young Women's norns and other devices for disturbing | Christian Association rooms, 1021 Cedar the atmosphere and making the nerv-ous shudder, and for over half an hour between the hours of 4 and 10 p. m. A the combined efforts of the welcomers made a din that would have been inpleasant for all who call. Refresh-ments will be dispensed with and there But it was New Year's eve and every will be an interesting musical pro-one expected that sort of thing so no gramme rendered between the hours

IN THE CHURCHES.

The festival of the circumcision of Christ which always falls on the civil New Year's day will be observed as usual in St. Luke's church this morning by the celebration of holy communion at 10 a. m.

This morning in the First Presbyterian church, from 9 until 10 o'clock, a service of praise and prayer will be held. The Second church will, as in former years, unite with the First in this service. Drs. Robinson, McLeod, Logan and others will be present. Everybody is invited to spend this hour on New Year's morning in devotional exer-

At St. Peter's cathedral this morning the feast of the circumcision will be observed with masses at 6, 7, 8 and 9

There will be two masses at St. Paul's one at 7 and the other at 8.30 o'clock. In St. Patrick's church, West Side, masses will be celebrated at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock. The last will be a high mass and the church choir under the direction of Haydn Evans will sing.

CHILD BURNED, MOTHER ILL.

A Little North End Girl Narrowly Escapes Death.

Lillie, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. the great chorus began and it continued and Mrs. Dennis Blackledge, of Thompson street, narrowly escaped being hour until even the steam whistles had burned to death yesterday afternoon, exhausted themselves. Then quiet was The little one was in the cellar and estored and the New Year having in all probability was playing with the

Her screams were heard by her purents who were in an upstairs room. It was not with these loud outward Both rushed to her assistance and atdemonstrations that all greeted the tempted to tear off the burning cloth-There were many quiet social ling. The child, nearly erazed with pain, events in various parts of the city broke away from them and ran up-where the old year was danced out and stairs. The father and mother pursued the new danced in or greeted in some | her and finally succeeded in smotherother way. In many of the churches watch night services were held. ing the flames. The child was severely burned about the chest and arms and her condition is precarious. Mr. and gan at 9 o'clock with literary exer- Mrs. Blackledge were severely burned Mrs. Blackledge was taken seriously

Both sessions reopen Monday, Jan. 4. Another student, a lady, has secured a position with a well-known firm. Many new students will come during

accommodate all have been completed The reputation of this sensol is such that it has never been necessary to employ canvassers to solicit patronage. No contract is made with the student

until he is ready to enter.

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FRANK SHIFFER JAILED.

He Is Charged with Obtaining Money on a Worthless Check.

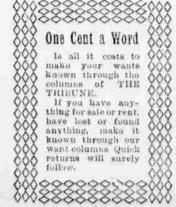
William E. Smith, the South Washngton avenue grocer, appeared before Alderman Wright yesterday and swore out a warrant against Frank Shiffer for obtaining money under false repre-sentations. Shiffer was arrested and in default of bail was committed to the county jail.

Mr. Smith alleges that Shiffer came to him with a check for \$17.25 on the First National bank. Shiffer drew the check payable to Mr. Smith and Mr. Smith let him have the money, but when he went to the bank he learned that Shiffer had no account there.

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FUNDS NEEDED FOR A SUMMER HOME

Men's Guild of St. Luke's Church to Conduct a Notable Entertainment.

WORTHY OBJECT IT HAS IN VIEW

The Guild Has Been Offered a Building at Cresco Well Adapted for a Women and Children and an Effort Is to Be Made to Raise the Funds Necessary to Secure It.

There is no charity in the city of Scranton which more strongly appeals to the people of all classe than the Summer Home for convalescent women and children conducted under the auspices of the Men's Guild of St. Luke's church. During several seasons from eighty to one hundred convalescent women and children have been taken from the unsanitary tenements of the city Florence Edwards. This is very beau-and entertained for periods of from ten tiful. The show closes with a grand to thirty days at a pleasant country home where, with pure, invigorating air and nourishing food, they have been restored to health and strength.

It is a charity that does not extend vides for the builling up in strength of such women and children as are recommended by physicians and clergymen, evening and tomorrow. as being deserving working people unable, through lack of means, to secure the advantages the Home offers, and which are so frequently necessary for speedy restoration to health.

During the past two seasons the Men's Guild have been handicaped by lack of accommodation for the large number of patients really needing the benefits given by the Home owing to the lack of a suitable building in a proper location.

BUILDING AT CRESCO.

Through the kindness of Charles Schlager, a farm house at Lake Ariel which he owns was donated for the seasons of 1895 and 1896, but it was only a temporary assistance and the building was not really adapted to the church in Green Ridge this morning, work. The Guild has been offered a well adapted, and finely constructed building at Cresco for a very low figure If used for this charitable work, and an effort is being made to secure funds sufficient to pay at least a portion of the purchase money required.

Mr. Hallstead, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad company has secured a rate of fare for patients to and from the Home at an exceed ingly reasonable figure so that the Guild can, if it secures the building and grounds offered it, at least double the amount of good in succeeding warm seasons that it has in the past.

With the object of raising funds a contract has been made with Waiter C. Clark, of Detroit, to give a grand, spectacular pantomime of Ben-Hur at the Frothingham on the evenings of January 21, 22, and 23, with a matinee on the 23rd. About one hundred and twenty-five people will take part in the production. The costumes and a car load of scenery, stage mechanism and electrical appliances are furnished

A FINE PRODUCTION.

The production has been arranged fore offered in Scranton. under the personal supervision of General Lew Wallace and Mr. Clark has special permission from Harper Brothers, the publishers, to make the production, the only stipulation being that no professional theatrical people are to tral and select part of Scranton at a take part. All references to the Sav- handy and convenient walking dislour that would in the least offend the most devout christian have been eliminated without detracting from the beauty and interest of the production. January. Arrangements to properly | The pantomime and tableaux have been produced in a number of prominent cities throughout the Union for charitable and religious benefits. Among recent successful productions was that at Cleveland, Ohio where, among other prominent society people who took part were Mrs. Mark Manna and her daughter. As soon as all the arrangements are completed we will publish a list of the ladies and gentlemen taking part.

TODAY'S BENEFIT PERFORMANCES. Waite Opera Company Will Sing a

St. Thomas' College Hall. At 90'clock this morning a line of people will be found at the Frothingham box office without precedent in our amusement history as at that time the sale of seats opens for the benefit performances this afternoon and evening you yet our friends. at St. Thomas' College hall to be given by the Waite Opera company for the penefit of St. Joseph Foundling home. The price at the matinee will be 25 cents to all parts of the house with no extra charge for reserved seats and in the evening 25 and 50 cents. The "Mikado" will be presented at the matinee and "Bohemian Girl" in the evening. The capacity of the cosy hall will without doubt be tested at both perform-

Yesterday afternoon the company A. gave a fine performance of the "Tar and Tartar" at the Frothingham and last night "Maritana" was sung to an tudience that taxed the capacity of the house. Saturday afternon the company will sing "Olivette" at the Frothingham and Saturday night "The Mascot."

COLLEGE OF COMMERCE NOTES.

The rooms in the Samter building are | 5. particularly adapted to college work and the equipment is the finest in Penn-

More than one hundred former pupils called yesterday. The opening next Monday will be greater than we had hoped for.

Arrangements have been made with large number of former pupils, who will complete their course with us, join-

ing the classes Monday. A reception will be given next Monday at the college rooms to the students and friends at the college. Professor Marney will be a member of the college faculty.

Diamonds at Auction. The great auction sale of diamonds, vatches, etc., will start next Monday, January 4th, at Davidow Bros., 217 Lackawanna avenue.

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ZERO AT DAVIS' THEATER.

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The New Year's day attraction at Davis' theater is one of the very latest shows that was ever played in the house. It is "Zero," a spectacular musical phantasy, and at the opening performance yesterday afternoon large audience was more than pleased The show opens with something about "Zero," which has just a semblance o a plot and that is as light as a feather When the specialties come and the au dience is treated with a great convoca-Summer Home for Convalescent tion of almost everything on the stage Harry Le Clair impersonates a fe male tragedian and sings a new song Topack and Stelle do some knockabou ork as "the Major and the Judge. Hodges and Lounchmere are good sing-ers and can do the cake walk of the race with much grace. After a medley by the entire company the specialties are resumed. First comes a very fine exhibition of marching.

The girls of the company are drilled to perfection and the costumes, made more brilliant with calcium effects, are indeed gorgeous. The great feature of the show is a series of dances by M electrical climax, the like of which has never before been seen at Davis'.

Jee Madden as the eccentric Irishman is a refreshing comedian, in fact every member of the large company is worth its aid to professional paupers, but pro- hearing. The show has a dor, a cat and a pig, all alive and educated. Performances will be given this afternoon and

FILED THEIR BONDS.

County Commissioners Ready to Begin Their New Term.

County Commissioners S. W. Roberts, Giles Roberts and John Demuth yesterday took their onths of office and filed their bonds with Recorder Lieuster. The bonds are in the sum of \$5,000 each. Sheriff F. H. Clemons and Hon. John H. Fellows are sureties for S. W. Roberts; W. C. Smith and Henry Roberts for Giles Roberts, and Philip Robinson and Christian Storr for Mr. Demuth. Auditor-elect A. E. Klefer also filed his oath of office.

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Green Ridge Suburban, Laurel Hill, cluded in the sale. No. 6 Branch, Throop, Stone avenue South Side and Pittston pass Coursen's going out. Seats for ladies waiting for cars and parcels cared for while shop E. G. Coursen, 429 Lack'a, ave

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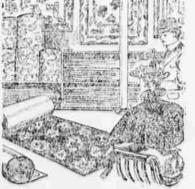
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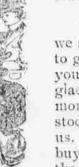


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